



News Release

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests &
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Many campgrounds open on Routt NF for July 4; no fireworks

(Steamboat Springs, CO - June 28, 2011) – Forest Service crews are working diligently to get campgrounds open for the July 4 holiday. The record snowpack from last winter caused about a one month delay in opening campgrounds. The high county still has 8-10 feet of snow in some areas. For information on how to contact Forest Service Offices and the status of campgrounds please check the Forest Service website, <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>.

In the Steamboat Springs area, the following campgrounds are open: Dumont Lake, Hahns Peak, Freeman, Seedhouse, Hinman and Dry Lake. Many roads and trails beyond campgrounds are still impassable due to snow and mud. Please do not drive around closed gates, downed trees or snowbanks. Driving on wet, muddy roads causes damage and you may get stuck and be unable to get help.

In the Yampa area, the Bear River road to Stillwater Lake is open, as are the 30 dispersed camp sites and the three developed campgrounds along the road -- Bear Lake Campground, Cold Springs and Horseshoe. The hiking trails in this area are still mostly snow-covered. The road to Gardner and Harper lakes is open. Dunckley Pass is open, but still has a lot of snow. Chapman campground is open. The road to Sheriff Reservoir is open, but the campgrounds are still snowed in. Crosho Lake is open, as is the trail to Allen Basin. Lynx Pass (CR16) is open. Parts of many other roads on Gore Pass are open. Blacktail Campground is open.

In the Walden area, roads are open but may be impassable due to snow and mud, especially at higher elevations. Big Creek, Teal, Hidden Lakes and Aspen Campgrounds are open. The District-wide road and motorized trail closure has been lifted.

Please leave your fireworks at home when you visit your national forests. Fireworks are never allowed, even if there is still snow on the ground.

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